Cerro Gordo County

General Provisions

Cerro Gordo County assumes no responsibility for property holder by issuance of this permit. The permit holder shall comply with terms and conditions of the permit, take all reasonable precautions to protect and safeguard the lives and property of the traveling public and adjacent property owners, and shall hold Cerro Gordo County harmless of any damages that may be sustained on account of such move. The permit holder shall hold Cerro Gordo County harmless for any damages that may result of the Secondary Road System by movement made hereunder and shall reimburse Cerro Gordo County for any expenditure which Cerro Gordo County may have to make on account of such move.

Nothing in the permit shall be construed as waiving any load limitations which have been or which might be established on any bridge or any road with embargo signs nor the wheel base maximum load limitations of subrule 2.1(26) or the Rules for the issuance of permit. Permit and any supplements or additions thereto shall be void in case the weights or dimensions of the vehicle and load as operated exceed the weights or dimensions as provided in the permit and supplements or additions thereto.

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No vehicle or combination of vehicles of illegal dimensions, with or without load, shall be moved on Cerro Gordo County’s Secondary Road System without permit.

Permit is valid only for the transporting of a single article per move exceeding statutory size or weight limits of both, and which cannot reasonably be divided, or reduced to statutory size limits when the statutory size and weight limits, etc., except in the transportation of property consisting of more than one article exceeding the stature size limits when the statutory weight limits are not exceeded and the additional articles transported do not exceed statutory size in any way in which such limits would not be exceeded by the single article.

Permits shall be carried in the cab of the vehicle for which the permit is issued and shall be available for inspection at all times. Vehicles for which permit is issued shall be open to inspection by any peace officer or any authorized agent of any permit granting authority.

Movements by permit shall be permitted only during the hours from sunrise to sunset unless it is established by the issuing authority that the movement can be better accomplished at another period of time because of traffic volume conditions. Except as provided in Section 321.457 of the code, no movement by permit shall be permitted on holidays or after 12 o’clock noon on the days preceding holidays and holiday weekends which would include holidays falling on Monday, or special events when abnormally high traffic volumes can be expected. Those legal holidays are: Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

The permit vehicle shall not exceed, consistent with the safety of the traveling public, the speed specified by this permit.

The permit holder must take steps necessary to avoid and reduce traffic congestion by maintaining proper traffic intervals, temporarily relinquishing the travel way in order to provide a passing opportunity for following vehicles desiring to travel faster than the prescribed speed of the vehicle. This shall be done as soon as conveniently possible after a group of two or more vehicles has accumulated in back of permit vehicle.

The permit holder must notify the office of Operating Authority, Truck Permit Center, 5238 Northwest Second Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50313, in writing of the fact of the occurrence of any reportable motor vehicle accident involving any permit vehicle.

All vehicles and loads exceeding 8 feet in width, 65 feet in length, or 14 feet in height must display warning devices as stipulated in subrule 2.3(3) of the Rules for the issuance of permits.

Self Issue Permit Procedures

Self Issue permit forms are available at the Cerro Gordo County Engineer’s office, 2716 South Federal Avenue, Mason City, Iowa, 50401. Self Issue permits will be issued no sooner than the working day preceding the anticipated moving day. Phone calls will be made to the Cerro Gordo County Engineer’s office (641)424-9037 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., during regular working days. The Carrier will complete the form while the Permit Officer completes the identical form.

The name of the issuing Permit Officer and the assigned permit number must be shown in their respective locations to validate the permit.

The Permit Officer will file his/her copy of the permit and the Carrier, immediately upon completion of the move, will send his copy of the permit along with payment for the permit to the Cerro Gordo County Engineer’s Office. The Carrier’s copy will be compared with the Permit Officer’s copy to insure compliance and the Carriers account will be credited with the payment.

Carriers not complying with the permit procedure will have their permit privileges suspended after ten (10) days written notice.